

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Warren, Pearce and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Bieda and Ward.

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 23, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Clemente moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4774** and **HB 5739** before the committee:

HB 4774 Melton Elections, registration; elector registering to vote in person; expand to include at any county, city, or township clerk's office in this state.

HB 5739 Pearce Elections; voters; identification requirement for voters who register by mail; allow individuals to present identification to any county, city, or township clerk office before an election.

Representative Pearce offered the following amendment to **HB 5739**:

1. Amend page 3, following line 4, by inserting:
"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 4774 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law."

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke,
Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Pearce offered the following amendment to **HB 5739**:

1. Amend page 2, line 14, after "**IF**" by striking out the comma through "**ELECTION**," on line 15.

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-0**,

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chairman Corriveau offered the following amendment to **HB 4774**:

1. Amend page 3, following line 16, by inserting:
"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5739 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law."

Chairman Corriveau moved that the amendment be adopted.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Hammon, Warren, Pearce and Wenke,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

TESTIMONY

Representative Melton, sponsor of HB 4774, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Pearce, sponsor of HB 5739, explained his bill to the committee.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of the bills.

Chris Swope and **Todd Blake**, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of the bills.

Chris Thomas, representing the Michigan Secretary of State Office, testified in support of the bills.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Doug Novak, representing the Michigan Secretary of State Office, supports the bills.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, supports the bills.

Bill Zaagman of Governmental Consulting Services, Inc., representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Council of Election Officials, supports the bills.

Erin Skene, representing the Michigan Nonprofit Association, supports the bills.

Ruth Johnson, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds submitted written testimony.

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4774** with recommendation, as amended.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Warren, Pearce and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 5739** with recommendation, as amended.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Warren, Pearce and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
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Committee Clerk
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41 minutes